

PALATINE, IL – Today, Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) presented the keynote address at the Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting & Installation Luncheon. Jennifer Grealish, who introduced the Congresswoman, also led the induction of the Chamber's 2006 leadership as well as the presentation of awards and recognitions to leading members of the Palatine business community.

Bean noted the Palatine Chamber of Commerce's importance to economic growth in the Northwest Suburbs, and congratulated the Chamber on another successful year.

Bean is a member of the Small Business Committee, and has worked hard to maintain an open dialogue with members of the local business community. She has been a vocal advocate on issues important to small businesses, co-sponsoring legislation to expand small business development centers and successfully advocating lower rates on small business loans.

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